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WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360-DEGREE RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY AS...

DAREDEVIL IS **MARRIED**.

CENTURIES AGO, A GROUP NAMED THE FIST WAS FORMED TO OPPOSE THE SADISTIC NINJA CLAN **THE HAND**. AFTER A GRUELING RITUAL, **MATT MURDOCK** AND **ELEKTRA NATCHIOS** HAVE EMERGED AS THE FIST'S KING AND QUEEN.

MATT AND ELEKTRA BROKE INTO THE MYRMIDON AND OFFERED THE INCARCERATED CRIMINALS THERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REHABILITATE THEMSELVES AT THE FIST'S ISLAND STRONGHOLD IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR AID AGAINST THE HAND, WHO HAVE KIDNAPPED WORLD LEADERS AND REPLACED THEM WITH DEATH-WORSHIPPING PUPPETS -- FRAMING ELEKTRA FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE PROCESS.

AFTER FINALLY DESTROYING THE LUNATE TALISMAN, THE KEY TO DEFEATING THE NINJA CULT -- **FOGGY** AND **STICK** REVEALED THEMSELVES TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN PUPPETS OF THE HAND. AS THEIR BODIES FADED TO DUST, THE POWERFUL MAGNATE **QUINN STROMWYN** BOMBED THE ENTIRE ISLAND WITH THE RAGE-INDUCING **RE-CID** DRUG -- SEALING THE HAND'S TRAP.

AND NOW, MATT'S FACING DOWN THE **AVENGERS** WHO MEAN TO BRING DAREDEVIL AND ELEKTRA TO JUSTICE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MURDER!

THE RED FIST SAGA

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My friend
is dead.

The *Stromwyns* have
infected everyone I've
tried to help with
Re-Cid, the gas that
incites violence.

And now I'm
meant to be
punished by
my "betters."

YOU BROKE
KILLERS OUT OF
PRISON!

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO YOU,
DAREDEVIL.

BUT
THIS ENDS
NOW.

By *men* who do the same thing over and
over again and expect different results.
The definition of insanity.

But I *achieved* the different
results. I *did it*, and they're
here to *take it all away*.

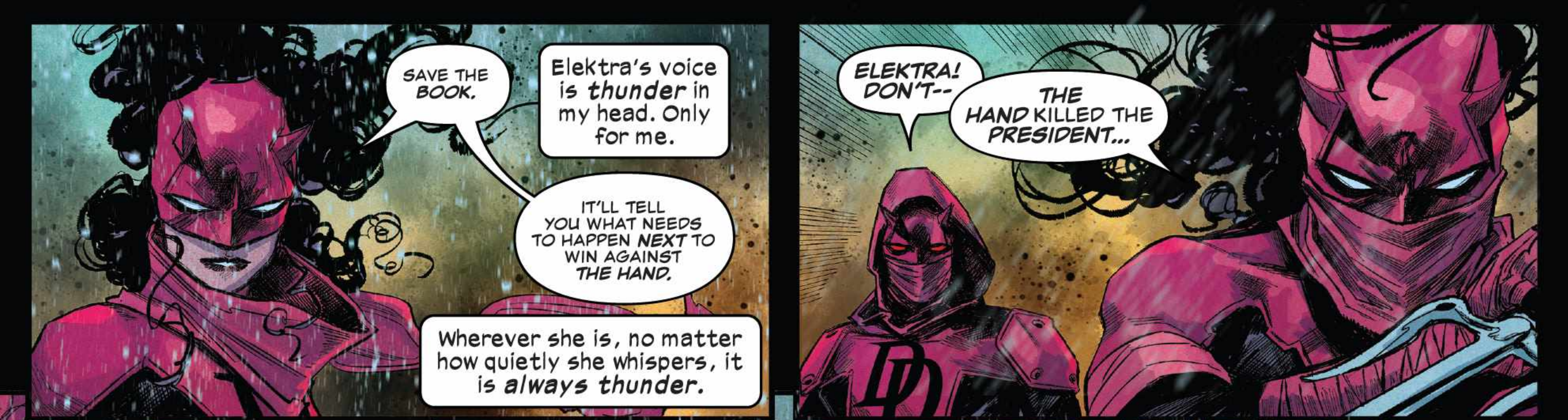
I'M *SAVING*
THEM! GIVING
THEM *NEW LIVES*
WHILE YOU'RE BOTH
CONTENT TO LET
THEM *ROT*!

IF YOU WANT TO *HELP* CRIMINALS,
YOU NEED TO WORK AND CHANGE
THE *SYSTEM*!

NOT JUST
BLOW IT UP AND
MAKE YOUR OWN! YOU
CAN'T ACT LIKE A
Dictator!

A *Dictator*
WHO'S DATING THE
NINJA ASSASSIN WHO
KILLED THE *U.S.*
PRESIDENT!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE WE'RE
EVEN HAVING THIS
DISCUSSION!



SAVE THE BOOK.

Elektra's voice is *thunder* in my head. Only for me.

IT'LL TELL YOU WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN NEXT TO WIN AGAINST THE HAND.

Wherever she is, no matter how quietly she whispers, it is *always thunder*.

ELEKTRA! DON'T--

THE HAND KILLED THE PRESIDENT...



...BUT YOU'D RATHER PUT PEOPLE AWAY THAN LISTEN!

WE'LL HEAR YOU OUT! BUT AFTER WE GET EVERYONE BACK INTO CUSTODY!

HRAHH! SPIDER-MAN!



YOUR DEATH HAS BEEN FOREVER ON STEGRON'S MIND!

AMAZING!

YOU THOUGHT RELEASING A DINOSAUR WAS A SOLID IDEA?!

THEY MADE SIX MOVIES WARNING AGAINST THIS!

The *Book of the Fist*! That damned book!

I'll *find* it--if only to *destroy* it! So it can't harm anyone *else*!

No more *prophecies*! No more *fate*!



I'VE GOT
T. REX! GO TALK
SOME SENSE INTO
DAREDEVIL!

NOT SURE HE'S
LISTENING THESE
DAYS, TONY!



DAREDEVIL!

DON'T
MAKE THIS
WORSE!



I MEAN,
I'M NOT SURE
IF IT CAN GET
WORSE...

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
WE DO?

STOP
BANK ROBBERIES?
CATCH THE "BAD
GUYS"?



WE BREAK
LAWS TO PUT
THEM IN PRISON,
WHERE THEY SIT
AND STEW AND GET
WORSE, NEVER
BETTER...

...WHILE WE
RUN AROUND
AND FIGHT EACH
OTHER...

...WAITING FOR
THEM TO LEAVE
THEIR CELLS AGAIN,
DARKER, MORE
DESPERATE...



IT ISN'T UP
TO US!

JUST
BECAUSE WE
HAVE POWERS
DOESN'T MEAN WE
GET TO UPEND
EVERYTHING ON
A WHIM!

THEY SHOOT
AT YOU, THEY
CALL FOR YOUR
HEAD...

...AND YOU
THINK YOU'RE
YOUR OWN MAN,
BUT REALLY...



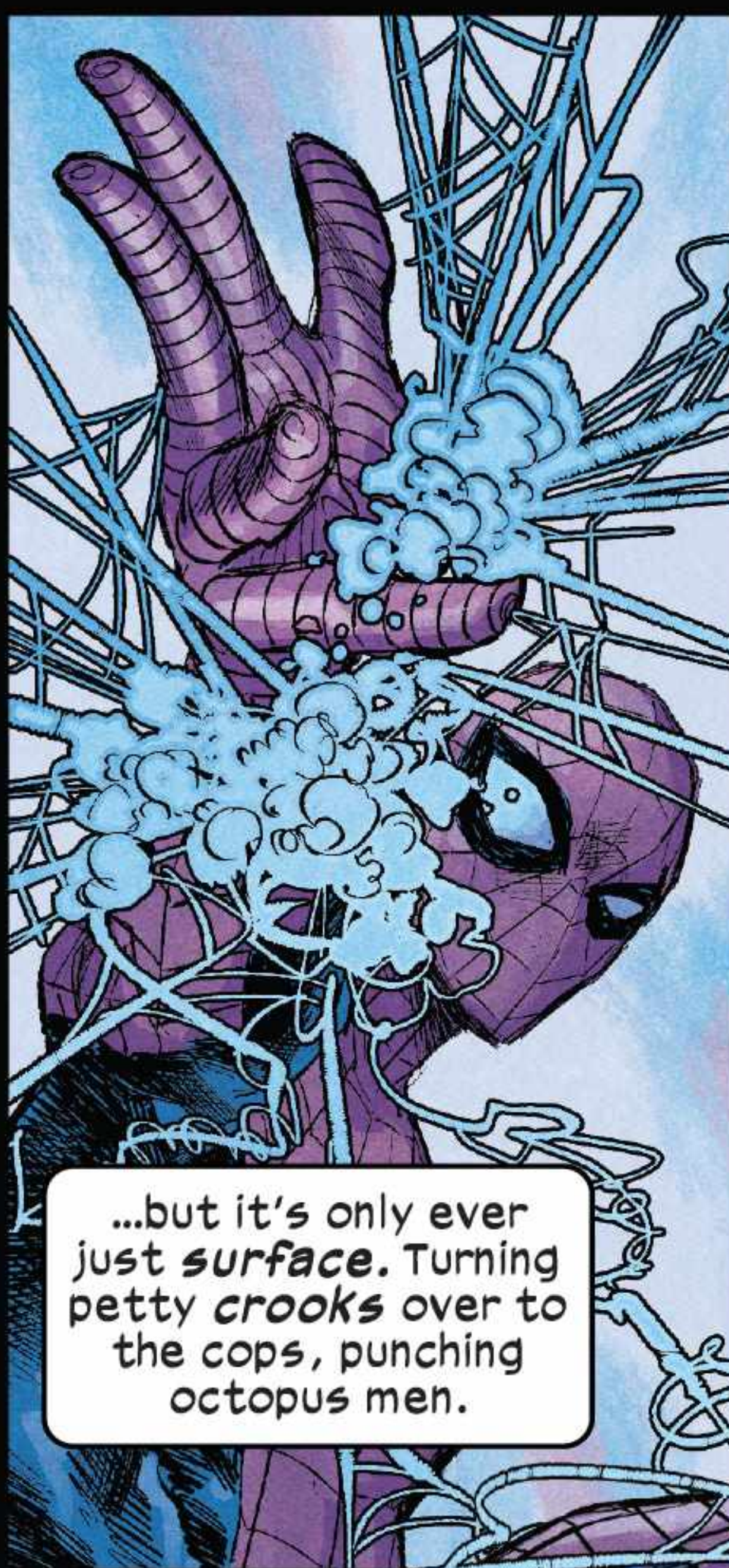
...YOU'RE
JUST ANOTHER
COP.

He's the
best of us.

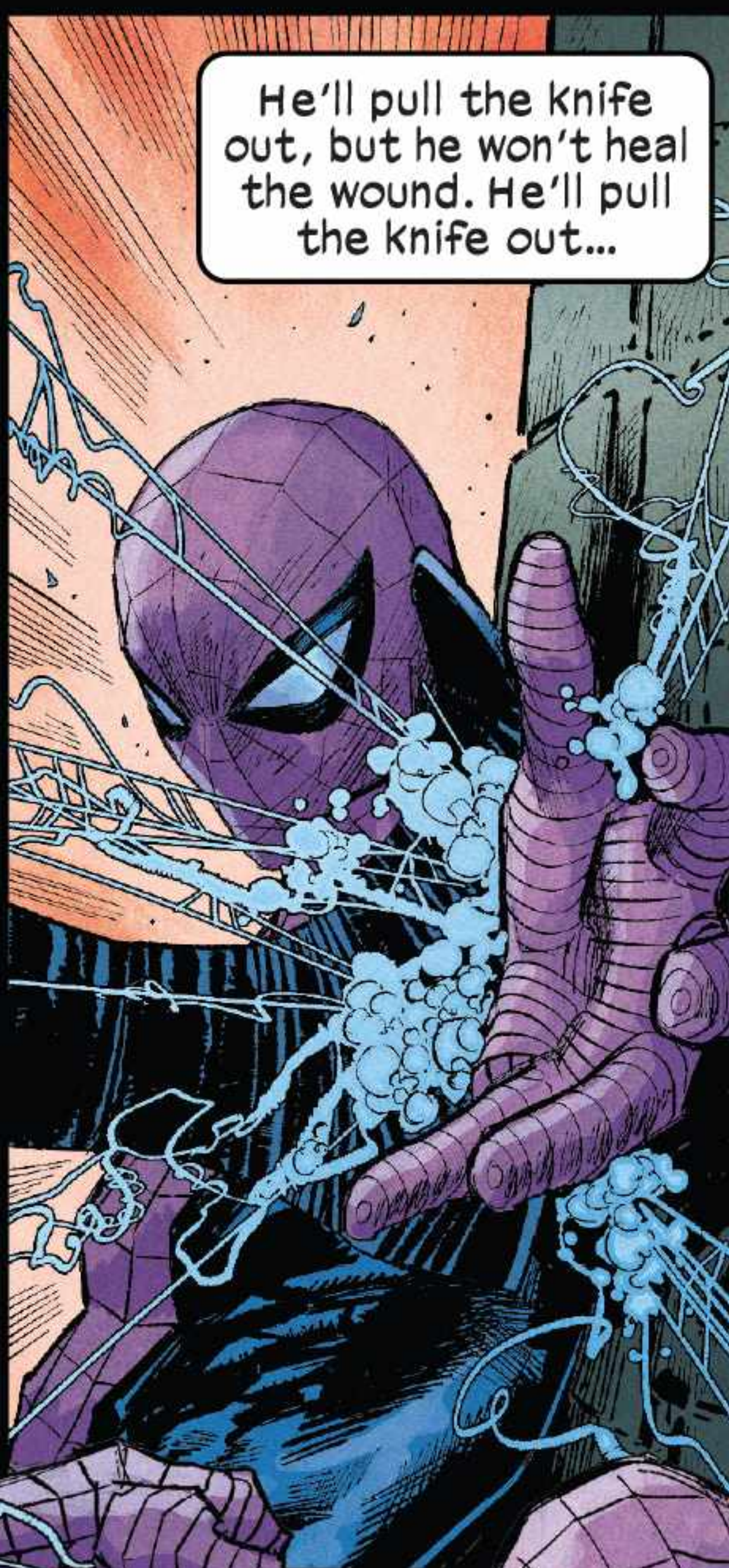
But *Spider-Man*
has always been
naive.



All he wants to
do is *help*...



...but it's only ever
just *surface*. Turning
petty *crooks* over to
the cops, punching
octopus men.

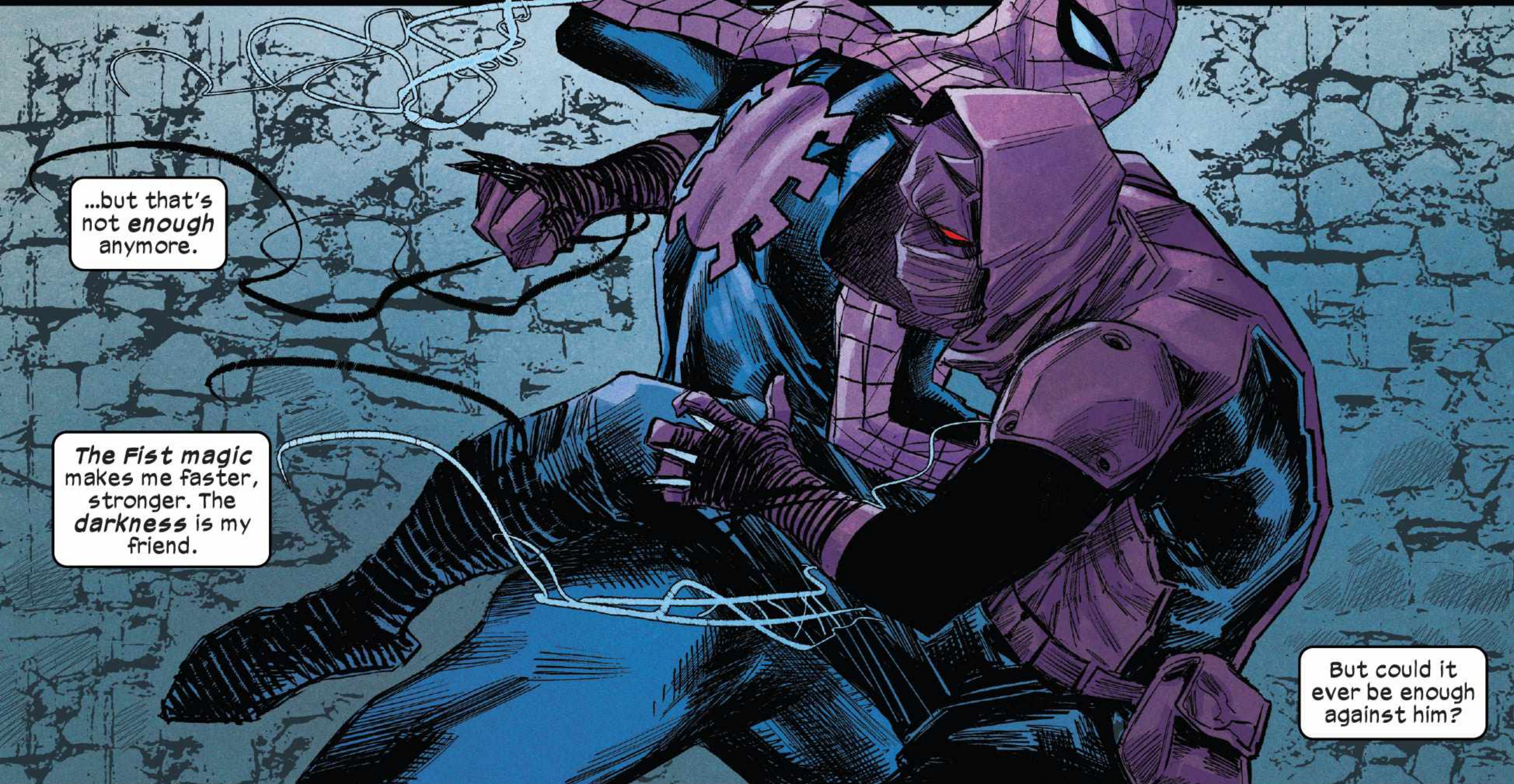


He'll pull the knife
out, but he won't heal
the wound. He'll pull
the knife out...



...but he never asks
himself *why* the knife was
used in the first place.

He's *pure*
power that
dances around
the city. A
good man...



...but that's
not *enough*
anymore.

The Fist magic
makes me faster,
stronger. The
darkness is my
friend.

But could it
ever be enough
against him?



ELEKTRA
DRESSING AS
DAREDEVIL.

YOU WANT
EVERYONE TO
THINK HE'S INFECTED
YOU, BUT LOOKING
AROUND...

...IT'S
PRETTY
CLEAR YOU'VE
INFECTED--
HN!

YOU KNOW
NOTHING!

NONE OF
YOU UNDERSTAND
WHAT HAPPENS IN
THE SHADOWS!

THE
WARS WE
FIGHT!

HN!

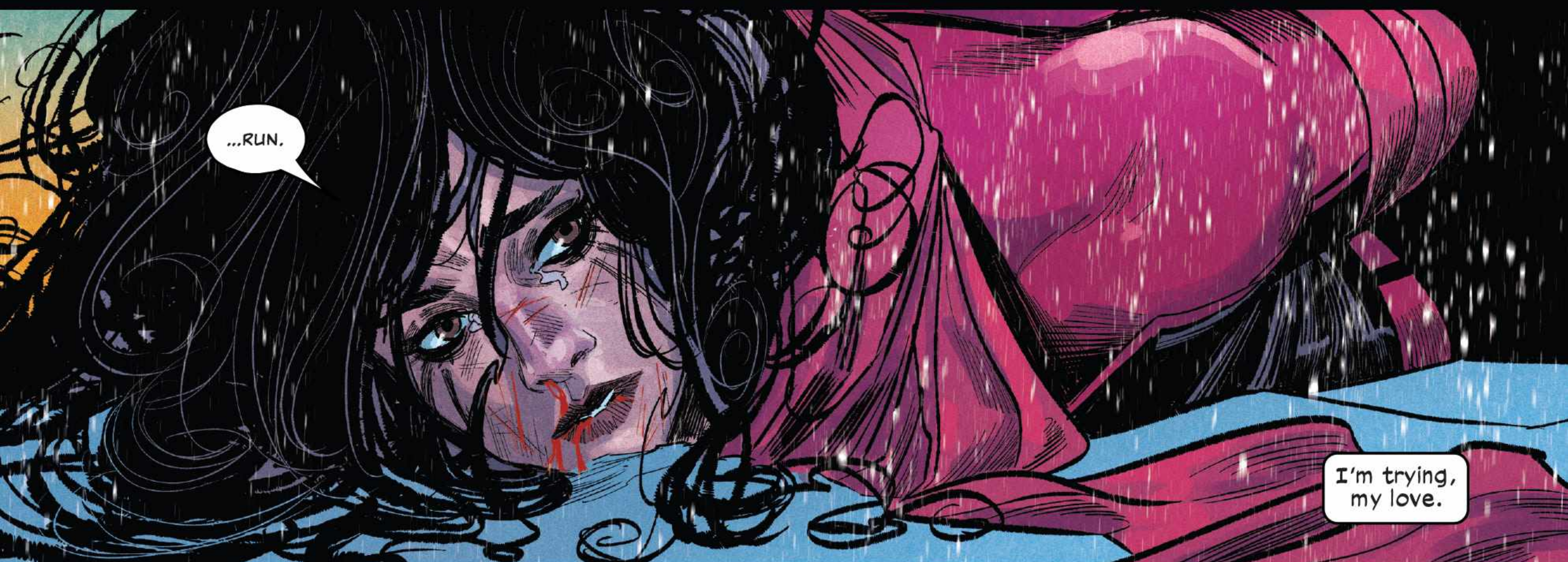
YOU PROP
UP A BROKEN
SYSTEM--

--WEARING
YOUR DAMNED
FLAG! YOU--

HNH!
NO--

KNOWING
A SYMBIOTE
WAS IN THE
BREAKOUT...





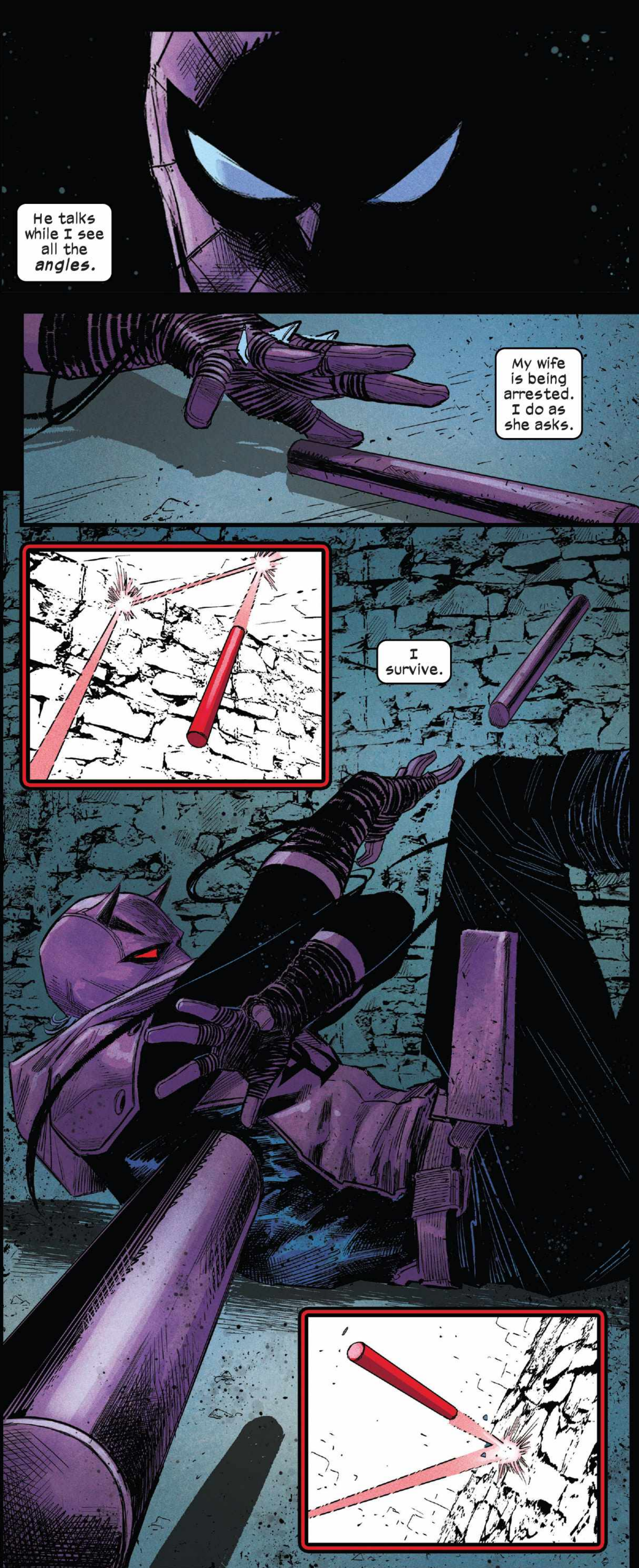
I'm trying.

He talks about responsibility, about being beholden to *the people* and that they don't want this.

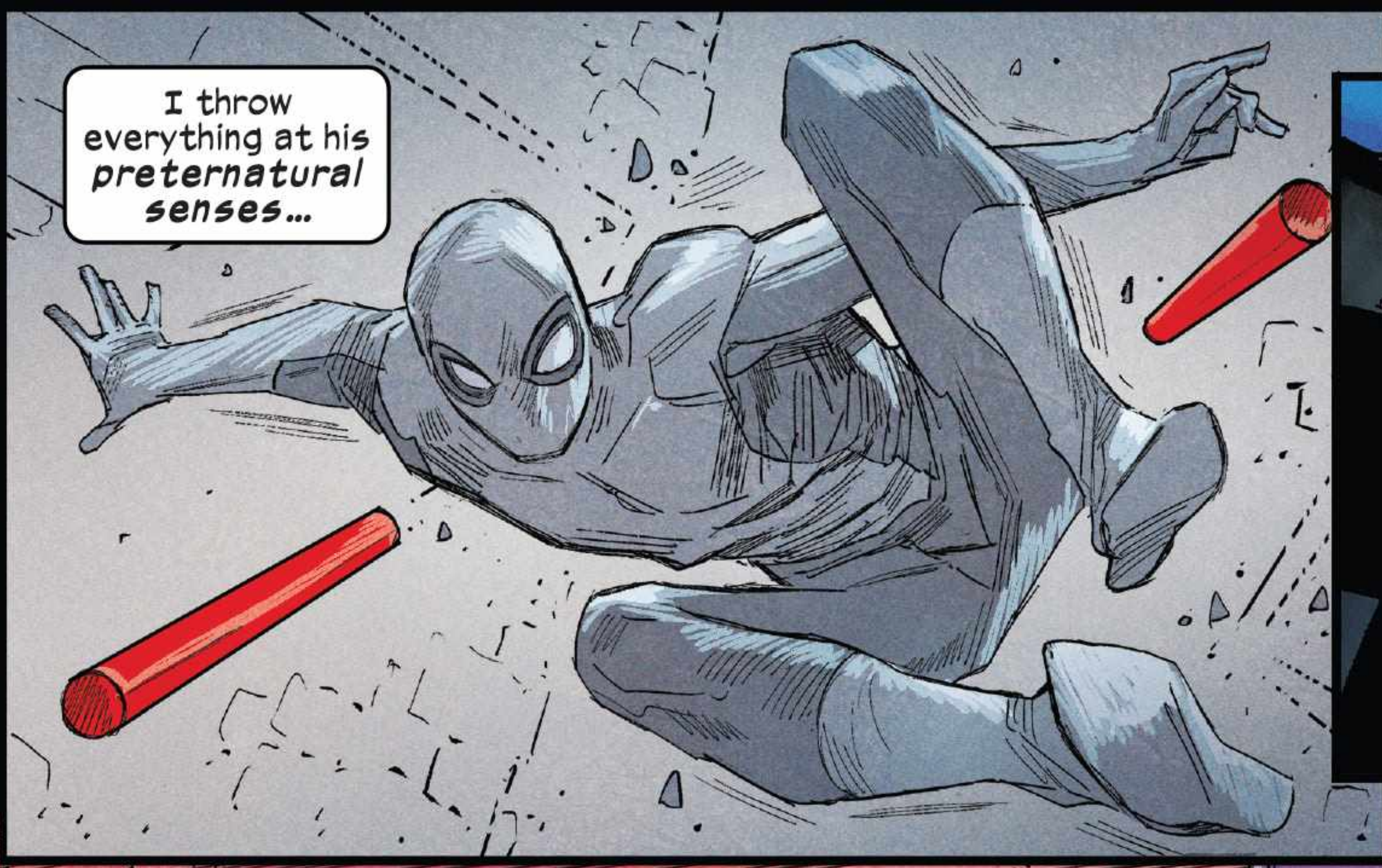
He talks while I see all the angles.

My wife is being arrested. I do as she asks.

I survive.



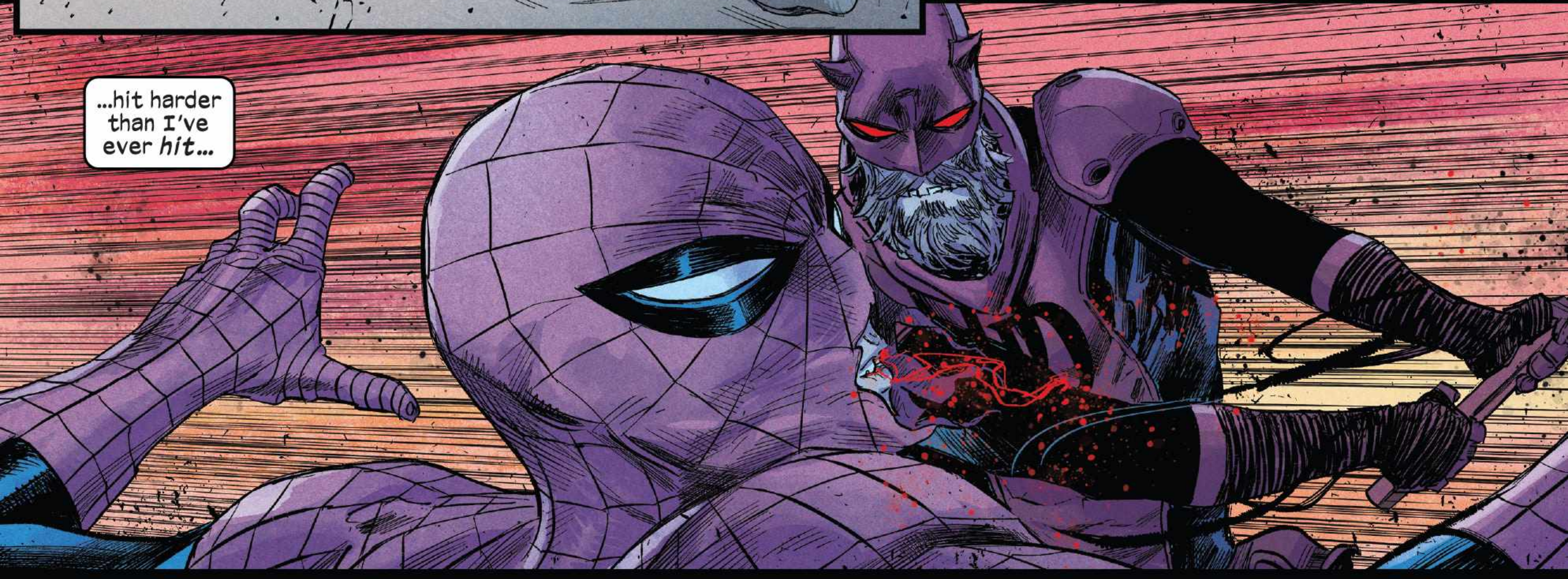
I throw everything at his preternatural senses...



...and move faster than I've ever moved...



...hit harder than I've ever hit...



...so I can get to the book.



The book and... Dammit... it's--





JUST STOP!



YOU'RE MY FRIEND!

WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS!

The best of us.



LOOK, JUST--JUST COME WITH US!

WE CAN TALK! GET TO THE BOTTOM OF HOW IT ALL WENT WRONG!

A good man.



I'LL FIGHT FOR YOU! I SWEAR!

I... SPIDEY, I...



OKAY.

IT'S BEEN HARD... I JUST...



IT'LL BE OKAY, MATT...



Just naive.

You have
one shot
at this--

MA--

KRCH--

DOWN

HNN!

This won't
buy me much
time.

HR!
DAMMIT,
MATT! YOU
CAN'T--!

The amount of
nerve pressure
I need to apply
to *Spider-Man*
to knock him out
almost breaks
my fingers.



YOU...
HNNN...

I'm
sorry.



I keep
moving.

It's what I do.
I always keep
moving...



...no matter
what *God*
throws at me.

I want
to stop
though.

I want
to *sleep*.
Please.

I want to
not think
about *evil*
and ways to
fight it for
once.



I just want to lie
next to my wife,
to have her scent
on me...

...to greet a new
day with *light*
and *joy* and
ignorance.



But He won't
let me.

I want to
fight the
prophecies,
the *path*...



...but it looks like I need to face my *fate*.

I GRABBED IT. YOUR *BOOK OF THE FUTURE*.



I--I THINK I'M LINKED TO IT.

IT FEELS LIKE IT'S WHY I'M HERE ON THIS ISLAND. WHY I'VE MOVED YOUR LIFE OVER SO MANY YEARS...



GOLDY... IS THIS YOU? THE *STROMWYNS* AND THE *RE-CID*?

THE *AVENGERS*? THE...?

NO. YOUR *COLLAR* TAKES AWAY MY *POWER*.



THIS IS YOU, MATT.



HHHHHHH--

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...



HHHH...I
C-CAN'T--

...BUT
IT *ISN'T* FOR
NOTHING.



IT'S *NEVER*
BEEN FOR
NOTHING.

THAT'S
THE ONLY
THING I KNOW AS
AN *ABSOLUTE*
TRUTH.



MATT
MURDOCK...
DAREDEVIL...



...HE *LOSES*
SO MUCH, BUT IN
THE END...



...HE
SURVIVES
AND SAVES
PEOPLE.



HE'S
GOD'S
HERO.

HRRRRRR--



--RAHH!

KRUNK



YOU
BASTARD...



...SHOW ME.

SHOW ME "GOD'S PLAN."

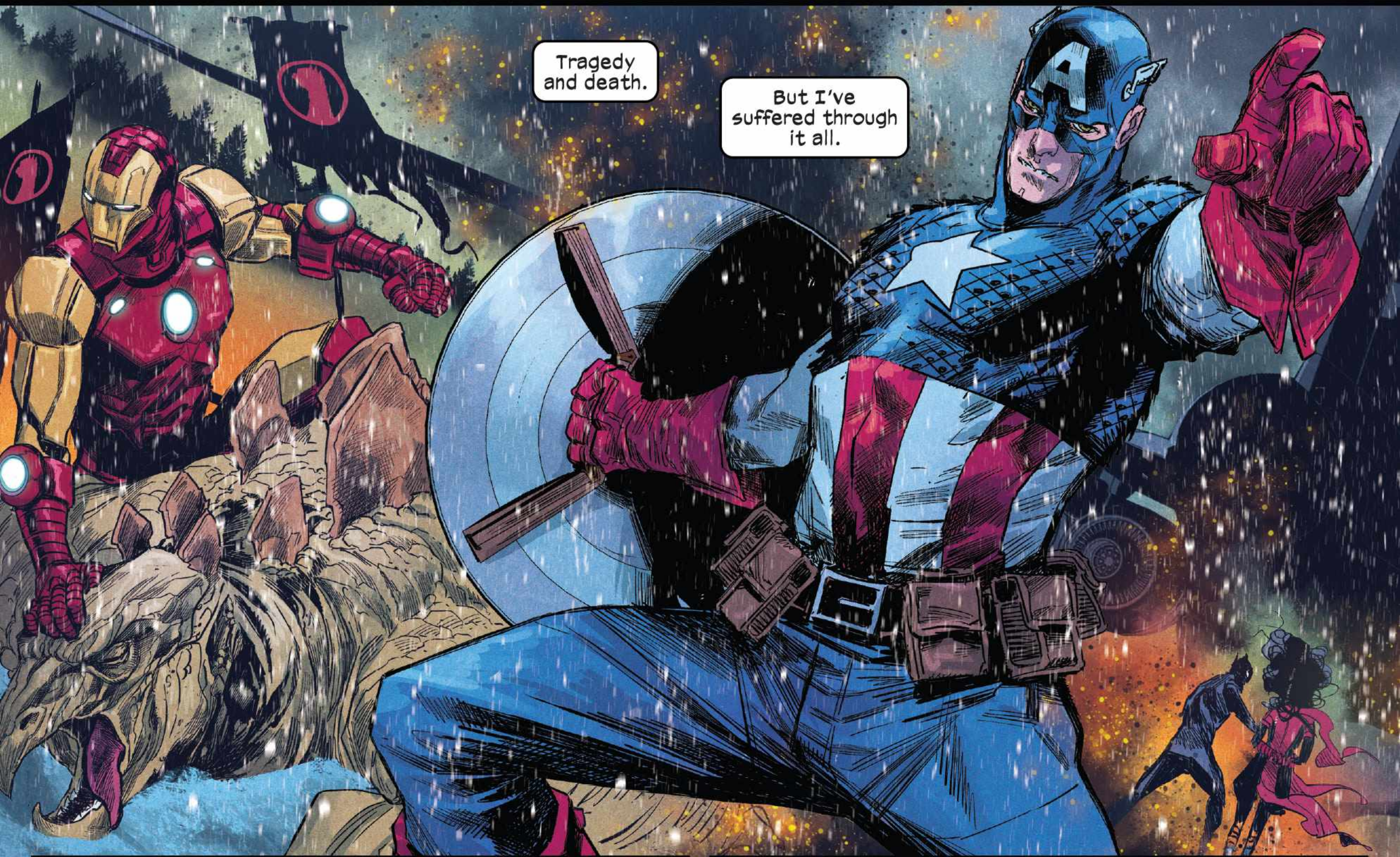


This man has worked in concert with me for almost a decade with his insidious chain reactions.

To make me a **better hero.**



It involved **pain and heartache.**



Tragedy and death.

But I've suffered through it all.



What else do I have to lose?

A leap of faith.



A prayer that God will catch me and the ones I love.



Please. I'm begging you.



--TOO MANY TO BRING BACK IN THE QUINJET, CAP.

I'M HACKING INTO THEIR JETS. IT'LL BE TRICKY, BUT I THINK I CAN FLY THEM ALL REMOTELY.

KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THAT, TONY. I'LL GO LOOK FOR SPIDER-MAN, AND--

WAIT.

RAMBLE



Show me the way out.

AVALANCHE! GET EVERYONE ON BOARD!

KRRAM



Show me the way to make this right.

Show me that my fate doesn't have to end in fire and ice...

WAGGLE



HRAH!

...for me or the others who serve you...

...whether they know it or not.

SPIDEY! WE NEED TO SAVE THE PRISONERS!

WE'LL COME BACK FOR DAREDEVIL--

"--WHEN EVERYONE ELSE IS SAFE!"

WHAT NOW?

WHAT DO I DO?

YOU LEAVE, YOU LEAVE...

DAREDEVIL!

...AND THEN YOU SAVE THEM ALL.



Fate.

You think you can run from it...

...but the direction you're running, no matter which way, *is* your fate.

There's no choice but to run headlong into it.





...as I lie
next to
her...



NO! WE
CAN'T LEAVE!
WE CAN'T--

...her scent
plays with
my heart.

Elektra.

To sit a
moment
with you.

To sit with /love and peace.

MATTTT!!





Maybe that
was never
for us.



Maybe it's just
a dream to keep
me warm...



...until I enter
the *kingdom*.





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